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The need to consider the state of the US economy must be an important consideration in any decision regarding govt vs business litigation. This lawsuit against Microsoft creates great uncertainty --made worse by others--tobacco, asbestos, the 9-11 deaths, Enron, Etc. There is a growing, and general feeling that no firm's financial situation can be counted upon or understood in what to most of us non-lawyers or non-regulators appears to be an out-of-control litigation feast.

I suggest that a high priority be to settle this matter as quickly as possible on mutually acceptable terms rather than continuing litigation.

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